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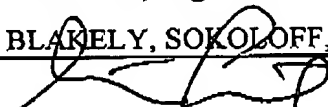
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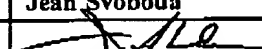
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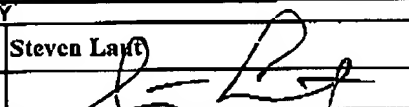
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Dear Commissioner:

In connection with the Office Action mailed on June 16, 2003 and the Office Communication mailed on February 24, 2004 regarding the above-referenced application, Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the following remarks below in addition to the remarks and amendments in the response filed on October 23, 2003.